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(5-12-52)

Date 1/12/54, 1954

Memo To: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC _____ Title: JOHN VON NEUMANN
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 Special Employee _____ File No. NK 116-119

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 Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Re Bureau routing slip 1/11/54.

b7D Please advise identity of Confidential
 Informant _____ as reflected on corrected
 page 5a of report of SA _____
 9/23/53, Newark.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 115-1214

7/20/53

WASHINGTON 25, D. C. b7C

SAC, ~~ALBANY~~ (115-119) (100-30277)

AIR MAIL

RE: JOHN VON KNEBEL - AF-10806 - NY

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE

REINVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associates, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

Reports and correspondence in this case should reflect the character as AEAE.

At the request of the Atomic Energy Commission the Bureau has consented to make inquiries on certain of its employees for the purpose of bringing the original applicant investigation up-to-date. These employees occupy very sensitive positions; therefore, all inquiries must be thorough and all inclusive.

The employee's entire adult life must be accounted for. If this was not done during the original investigation it will be necessary to account for the adult life during instant investigation.

The scope of the current investigation must include interviews with present neighbors, associates, acquaintances, and whenever desirable confidential informants should be contacted. Credit and criminal checks should be made on the employee. The same checks should be made on his immediate relatives at their known place of residence.

Those asking questions pertaining to the purpose of this investigation should be advised that the inquiries are being made at the request of the AEC and are of a routine nature.

The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy. The deadline in this case is 9/18/53.

Present address: 26 Westcott Rd., Princeton, N. J.

Birthdate and birthplace: Dec. 28, 1903, Budapest, Hungary.

Social Security Number: None

Firm to employ and position involved: Consultant to E-25 Engineering Div.,

Subcontract No. 186, Under E-7405-eng-26, C. & C. C. C.

CC: ~~ALBANY~~ (116-875)

~~ALBANY~~ (116-213)

ALBUQUERQUE

KNOXVILLE

CHICAGO

NEW YORK CITY

EL PASO

ATTACHMENT

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FORM 179 to WFO.

116-1914

RE: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SP -10806 - NY

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Conduct full investigation.

BALTIMORE - 1949 to date, Sci. Advisory Comm., B. R. L., Aberdeen, Maryland.

ALBUQUERQUE - 1943 to date, Los Alamos, Sci. Lab., Los Alamos, New Mexico.

KNOXVILLE - 1949 to date, Oak Ridge National Lab., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

SAN FRANCISCO - 1951 to date, Univ. of Calif. Radiation Lab., Berkeley, Calif.

NEW YORK - Mother, Margaret von Neumann, 169 Hicks St., Brooklyn, New York.
Daughter, Mariana von Neumann, S. Gillette Ave., Bayport, Long Island, New York.

Brother, Michael von Neumann, 169 Hicks St., Brooklyn, New York.

EL PASO - Forward your file 115-201 to Albuquerque.

NEWARK - See NK teletype dated 8-3-50 captioned [REDACTED] ASAA. SN-C
which reflects association with [REDACTED]

See NK file [REDACTED] AQ rep rt dated 4-2-51 and NK letter dated
12-28-50 reflects association with [REDACTED]

Include following paragraph in your report:

The personnel files of the University of California reflect that
[REDACTED] as recommended to [REDACTED]
by Dr. John von Neumann of Princeton University. Investigative
reports concerning [REDACTED] have been previously furnished
to the Atomic Energy Commission. [REDACTED]

ALL OFFICES - [REDACTED]

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SAC: WEEARK (MAIL) (116-119)

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JOHN VON NEUMAN DASH SF, ACAA. REBULET APRIL 16, 1953 CAPTIONED [REDACTED]

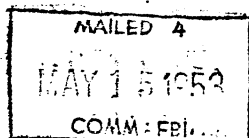
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JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
AEA-E.

Buded: 9/18/53.

Rebulet to Newark dated 7/20/53.

Transmitted herewith is The El Paso file 116-204 in its entirety,
entitled JOHN VON NEUMANN - 3, Aka, John K. Von Neumann, AEA.

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cc: Bureau (116-1914)

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CC: NEWARK (116-119)(100-30977)
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NEW YORK
EL PASO

JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 NY, AEAE. REBULET 7/20/53. EMPLOYEE'S
NAME WAS INCORRECTLY SPELLED JOHN VON NEWMANN ON REBULET. UACB
BALTIMORE WILL TITLE ITS REPORT JOHN VON NEUMANN SF 10806 NY.

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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN, SF 10806 NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA E

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AGENCY FILE - CSID 10/1/54
 REQ. REC'D 11-26-54
 REP'T FORW. 12-1-54

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE:

Bulet to Newark dated July 20, 1953.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland, dated April 8, 1947.

Baltimore Airtel to Bureau dated September 17, 1953.

DETAILS:

AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND

EMPLOYMENT

b7D [REDACTED] Civilian Personnel Division, made available the Civil Service 201 file for the appointee, which indicated that he was granted an excepted appointment on August 18, 1942, as a Consultant, for the Ordnance Department at Large, Aberdeen Proving Ground, under Section 8, of Military Appropriations Act of 1943, for services when required during fiscal year of 1943. His appointment has been extended every year, and his present appointment expires June 30, 1954. No derogatory information appeared in the file.

b7D [REDACTED] Ballistics Research Laboratories, advised that he has known the employee since he first came to the Proving Ground as a consultant, and that he considers the employee to be a loyal American citizen of good character and with reputable associates.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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b7D [redacted] Ballistic Research Laboratories, who have known the employee since [redacted] respectively, consider the employee and his wife to be persons of excellent morals and character, with reputable associates, and unquestionably loyal to the United States. [redacted] known the employee and his wife on a professional basis only, and as a result of his appointment to the Scientific Advisory Committee, and as a consultant to the Laboratories. [redacted] known the employee through the above contacts, and also was associated with him professionally and socially at Princeton, New Jersey.

[redacted] Government Employee, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, a former employee of VON NEUMANN, who has known him since [redacted] considers the employee and his wife to be loyal Americans, of excellent character and with reputable associates.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

[redacted] and [redacted] Maryland, advised that there is no record on file in their departments identifiable with the employee or his wife. It is noted that Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, is in Harford County.

The files of the [redacted] and of the [redacted] both of Baltimore, Maryland, as caused to be searched by Special Employees [redacted] respectively, contained no record identifiable with the employee or his wife.

The files of the [redacted] Maryland, as caused to be searched by Special Agent [redacted] contained no record identifiable with the employee or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS:

[redacted] Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, advised that no information reflecting adversely on the character, loyalty or associates of the employee, has been brought to the attention of the Post Intelligence Officer.

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Baltimore Confidential Informants, of known reliability, familiar with certain phases of Communist activity in the Baltimore, Maryland area, advised that the employee and his wife are unknown to them.

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/18/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/3,4;9/9,10,11,14/53	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE JOHN VON NEWMANN SF 10806 NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA E

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AGENCY Photo-651-524/1
REQ. REC'D 11-26-54
REP'T FORW. 12-1-54
BY:

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bulet to Newark dated 7/20/53.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

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 EMPLOYMENT 10/28/54
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b7C b7D advised that his records do not reflect any unfavorable information concerning the employee.

b7D stated that he is acquainted with the employee and his wife, KLARA, and that

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b7D [REDACTED] He stated that the employee impressed him considerably concerning his loyalty to the United States. He said that to the best of his knowledge, the employee and his wife are of good character, associates and loyal citizens.

[REDACTED] advised that he has known JOHN VON NEWMANN since [REDACTED]. He said that VON NEWMANN was born in Budapest, Hungary, and that he knew him in Germany, England and the United States, and that he worked with him at Los Alamos, New Mexico in 1943. [REDACTED] related that VON NEWMANN is a genius of a scientist and that he has made some great contributions to science. He said that VON NEWMANN is acutely aware of the great danger of the Russian plans for world domination, and [REDACTED] proclaimed that VON NEWMANN is definitely "Anti-Russian."

[REDACTED] went on to relate that he considered VON NEWMANN to be a person of good character, and that his associates were of good choice. He added that in lieu of the fact that VON NEWMANN is such a brilliant person and scientist that his work brings him in contact with a wide variety of individuals and that undoubtedly he has had contact with some individuals who are sympathetic to Communist causes, but he felt that he was not closely associated with any such individuals. He reiterated that he believed that VON NEWMANN was positively loyal to the United States in all respects and that he is a person who can keep a secret and be discreet in his conversations relative to security matters.

[REDACTED] continued that he has been acquainted with VON NEWMANN's wife, KLARA, since approximately 1945, and although he is not well acquainted with her, she has never given him any reason to cause doubt concerning her character, loyalty, and associates.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

b7D The files of the [REDACTED] did not contain any record or unfavorable information concerning the employee.

b7C [REDACTED] The files of [REDACTED] as checked by SE [REDACTED] did not contain any record or unfavorable information concerning the employee.

Reliable confidential informants familiar with certain phases of Un-American activities in the San Francisco Bay Area have advised that VON NEWMANN is unknown to them and that they have no information concerning him.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-18-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/24, 31; 8/3, 5, 11, 12, 25-27; 9/3, 4, 8, 9, 15, 16/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN-SF-10806-NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA-E AGENCY Photo-OSI Dist 11-26-54 REQ. REC'D 12-1-54 REP'T FORW 12-1-54 BY [REDACTED]
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 7/20/53.			
DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u> [REDACTED] (S) b7C 9/22/54			
<u>EMPLOYMENTS:</u> 10/28/54			
The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at the Atomic Energy Commission:			
[REDACTED] Washington Area Security Operations Office, United States AEC, advised that the employee's security file is located at the AEC, New York City.			
b7D [REDACTED] Personnel Operations, U. S. AEC, made available the employee's official personnel file which reflected that he received a presidential appointment as a member of the General Advisory Committee to the AEC on February 27, 1952. This appointment will expire in August, 1954. The file contained no additional or pertinent derogatory information.			
The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]			
b7D [REDACTED] General Advisory Committee to the AEC, advised that he has known the employee since February, [REDACTED] and has had six or eight personal contacts per year with him during meetings of the			
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b7c General Advisory Committee, Washington, D. C. He stated
b7D that on the basis of acquaintanceship with the employee,
he considers him to be of good character and reputation.
[redacted] added that he has no reason to question the em-
ployee's loyalty or choice of associates. He further advised
that he knows of no other persons, on the General Advisory
Committee, who are located in Washington, D. C., that might
know the employee.

b7c The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White
Oak, Maryland:

[redacted]

[redacted]

b7c [redacted] Applied Mathematics
b7D Division, advised that the employee was an eminent Mathe-
matician available for consultation, but who as a matter of
practice, was seldom called. He stated that the only time
he recalled the employee being at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory
was two or three years ago, at which time he gave a lecture.
He added that to the best of his knowledge, no one at the
Laboratory was personally acquainted with the employee.

The following persons advised that they were not
personally acquainted with the employee, and that they knew
him by reputation only. They stated that they were aware
of nothing derogatory concerning his reputation, associates
or loyalty.

Reference

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[REDACTED] Applied Mathematics Division.
[REDACTED] Physics Research Department.
[REDACTED] Chief, Aeroballistics
Research Department.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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[REDACTED] Civilian Personnel, Office Secretary
of Defense produced the employee's personnel file which reflected:

February 28, 1949, Excepted appointment, thirty days not to exceed June 30, 1949, Expert, Research and Development Board, (hereafter referred to as R & DB) Committee on Atomic Energy (hereafter referred to as CAE).

July 1, 1949, Excepted appointment thirty days NTE June 30, 1950, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

July 1, 1950, Excepted appointment, thirty days NTE June 30, 1951, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

January 17, 1951, Excepted appointment, twenty days, NTE June 30, 1951, Consultant, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group.

July 1, 1951, Excepted appointment thirty days NTE June 30, 1952, Consultant, JCS, WSEG.

July 1, 1951, Excepted appointment thirty days NTE June 30, 1952, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

July 1, 1952, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1953, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

July 1, 1952, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1953, Consultant, JCS, WSEG.

July 1, 1953, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1954, Expert, Office Secretary of Defense, Project No. 1500.

July 1, 1953, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1954, Consultant, Office Secretary of Defense, Project No. 1480.

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The file contained no additional pertinent or derogatory information.

[REDACTED] Civilian Personnel, AFSWP produced employee's personnel file which reflected:

February 13, 1950, Excepted appointment NTE June 30, 1950, (90 days).

July 1, 1950, Extension excepted appointment NTE June 30, 1951, (90 days) same capacity.

July 1, 1951, Extension NTE June 30, 1952, (90 days), same capacity.

July 1, 1952, Extension NTE June 30, 1953 (90 days), same capacity.

July 1, 1953, Extension NTE June 30, 1954 (90 days), same capacity

The file reflected no additional pertinent or derogatory information.

[REDACTED] Secretary on Research and Development, Office Secretary of Defense, (formerly the Research and Development Board), advised that he knows the employee as a Consultant with the CAE, but he feels he is not sufficiently acquainted with him to comment on his reputation, character, associates or loyalty.

He stated that [REDACTED] committee, has never to his knowledge met the employee and he could suggest no one with Research and Development who would know the employee other than by reputation.

[REDACTED] Armed Forces, Special Weapons Project, advised that the employee periodically headed a panel at the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. He stated that he has had approximately four contacts with the employee in an official capacity and although he could not specifically comment regarding his reputation, character, loyalty or associates, nothing had ever come to his attention of a derogatory nature concerning him.

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b7D [redacted] Weapons Systems Evaluations Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff, advised that he knew the employee by reputation and to a very slight extent socially. He added that he did not feel qualified to give an opinion concerning the employee's reputation, character, associates or loyalty, on the basis of his knowledge of him. He commented, however, that nothing whatever of a derogatory nature, concerning the employee, had ever come to his attention.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following agencies contain no record of the employee or his wife:

b7D [redacted]
United States Park Police

MISCELLANEOUS:

The records of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, reflect that a record check and inquiry of the employee for the position of Professor of Mathematics, Department of Army, was processed under Executive Order No. 9835, on October 31, 1949. No question of loyalty or his suitability was disclosed and the investigations reflect no additional pertinent or derogatory information.

b7c [SE [redacted] determined that there was no record for the employee or his wife at the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

SE [redacted] was advised that there was no record for the employee at the Office of Naval Intelligence.

SA [redacted]
[redacted]

b7c [SE [redacted] was advised that there was no record for the employee at the Passport Office, Department of State.

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JOHN VON NEUMANN, SF, 10806, N.Y. AEAE. REBULET 7/20/53.

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REFERENCE:

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BY *[REDACTED]*

DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

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SA *[REDACTED]* caused a check to be made of the records of *b7D* *[REDACTED]* which contained no information concerning the employee or his family.

A number of the reliable confidential informants who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist activities in the New York area advised that they did not know the employee or his family.

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The records of *b7D* *[REDACTED]* as checked by SE *[REDACTED]* contained no information concerning the employee or his family. *b7C*

Criminal

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SA *[REDACTED]* caused a check to be made of the records of *[REDACTED]* which contained no information concerning the employee or his family. *Min-*
eola, New York, advised SA *[REDACTED]* that he has no record concerning the employee's daughter, **MARIANNA VON NEUMANN**.

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TO : Director, FBI (116-1914)

DATE: SEP 23 1953

FROM : SAC, New York (116-103028)

SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
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The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Brooklyn, NY, checked by SE [REDACTED] show that in 1948 and 1952, MARGARET VON NEUMANN of 169 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY, registered to vote for one of the two major political parties. These records show that in 1948 she voted for the first time. According to the records, MARGARET VON NEUMANN was 65 years old, a widow, born in Hungary and naturalized 7/2/46 in Federal Court in Pennsylvania, no city given. No record was found concerning the employee or other members of his family.

It is to be noted that investigation concerning the [REDACTED] was conducted in [REDACTED] under caption [REDACTED] which investigation in NYC disclosed that employee's family had an excellent reputation.

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In view of the confidential source of this information and in view of the fact that this is a pending espionage case, this information is not being reported.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (116-1914)

DATE: 9/23/53

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (116-119)

SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/23/53 at Newark and bulets to Newark dated 7/20/53 and 8/3/53.

Rebulet of 8/3/53 refers to Newark File 39-0, Newark letter 12/21/42 captioned [REDACTED] Naturalization Matter. Rebulet requested that information contained in Newark letter concerning [REDACTED]. A review of Newark files reflects that the source material for this information was destroyed on 1/5/46. J. [REDACTED]

1cc dtd 7/23/57
[REDACTED]

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/23/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/3, 6, 12, 14; 9/11, 17, 18, 22, 23/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEAE b7C

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Newark, 7/20/53.
Bureau letter to Newark, 8/3/53.

DETAILS:

AGENCY *cc - R. L. ... OSI - Dist. 4*

REQ. REC'D *11-26-54*

REP'T FORW. *12-1-54*

EMPLOYMENT

Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey

[REDACTED] added that VON NEUMANN presently resides at 26 Westcott Road, Princeton, N.J.

[REDACTED] advised he has known VON NEUMANN for the past **[REDACTED]** and has been intimately associated with him since **[REDACTED]** characterized VON NEUMANN as being one of the most brilliant mathematicians in the world today. He said VON NEUMANN has done considerable research in mathematics and physics at the Institute and that he has made many vital contributions toward the defense efforts of this country. **[REDACTED]** said VON NEUMANN's interests are those primarily of a scientist and that he had never evidenced in his presence any great interest in political matters.

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[REDACTED] described VON NEUMANN as conscientious, trustworthy, above reproach morally and professionally, and of unquestionable loyalty to this country. [REDACTED] said he knew of no one he could recommend more highly for a position involving the security of this country.

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[REDACTED] advised he has been acquainted with Dr. VON NEUMANN for the past [REDACTED] and that his opinions of him are very favorable. [REDACTED] said VON NEUMANN impressed him as being extremely capable, conscientious, of good moral habits and associations, and undoubtedly a loyal American citizen. [REDACTED] said on the basis of his association with VON NEUMANN he would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

[REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information regarding VON NEUMANN as did [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she has worked closely with him for the past [REDACTED] and that all her contacts and dealings with him have been most satisfactory. She said Dr. VON NEUMANN has conducted himself in a manner above reproach and that she had absolutely no reason to question his character, loyalty, or associations.

NEIGHBORHOOD

26 Westcott Road
Princeton, New Jersey

[REDACTED] advised that the VON NEUMANNs resided at the above listed address at the time she moved into this neighborhood approximately [REDACTED] go. She said she is not closely associated with them, explaining that nearly everyone residing on Westcott Road is connected with Princeton University and that most of the social contacts made by them are with their professional associates within the University.

[REDACTED] insofar as she knows the VON NEUMANNs enjoy a fine reputation in the Princeton, N.J., area. [REDACTED] said she felt she did not know them well enough to be in a position to recommend VON NEUMANN for a position of trust, however, she said that she has never heard anything that would make her question his loyalty to this country; she further stated that she did not believe the VON NEUMANNs were closely associated with anyone in the immediate neighborhood as most of their social contacts were with people connected with the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

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The following persons residing in this neighborhood, who have each known the VON NEUMANN family for the past two years, furnished substantially the same information regarding them as did [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Westcott Road
[REDACTED] Westcott Road
[REDACTED] Westcott Road

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[REDACTED] contain only favorable information concerning VON NEUMANN and members of his immediate family.

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During a previous applicant type investigation conducted in 1948, [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] at which time he advised that [REDACTED] had been [REDACTED]

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It is noted that information concerning [REDACTED] has been furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission under the caption [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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b7D The personnel files of [REDACTED] reflect that [REDACTED] was recommended to [REDACTED] by Dr. JOHN VON NEUMANN of Princeton University. Investigative reports concerning [REDACTED] have been previously furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission.

During a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1951, [REDACTED]

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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEAE ALL b7C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 7/20/53. Washington Field air-tel to New York dated 9/22/53.			
DETAILS: b7D			
Personnel Clearance Branch Atomic Energy Commission, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, made available employees file which contained no additional pertinent information concerning employee.			
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AGENCY <u>Photo - OSI Dist off - 4</u> REQ. REC'D <u>11-26-54</u> REP'T FOR <u>12-1-54</u> BY b7C 10/28/54 100-alc 9/22/54 			
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REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 11-24-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-10, 12, 23/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806- NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEAE AGENCY Photo-OSI Dist. b7C REC. REC'D 11-26-54 REP'T FORW. 12-1-54

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 7-20-53. **b7C**

DETAILS: AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE: **b7C**

[REDACTED] he knows very little concerning him. He pointed out that VON NEUMANN has to his knowledge never spent much time in Oak Ridge and particularly during the past several years. In this respect **[REDACTED]** stated that VON NEUMANN has not been in Oak Ridge for any period of time long enough to establish residence.

[REDACTED] has been professionally acquainted with the employee for about **[REDACTED]** years. He indicated that he was first introduced to VON NEUMANN approximately **[REDACTED]** years ago but did not really get to know him other than through reputation until a few years ago. He said that the employee has the reputation of being one of the most influential scientists in the United States from the standpoint of military technology adding that VON NEUMANN also has the general reputation of being the 20th century's greatest mathematician. **[REDACTED]** pointed out that although he does not regard himself as a close associate of the employee, he has on one or more occasions discussed politics with VON NEUMANN resulting in his having

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the opinion that the employee is one of the most violently anti-Russians he knows. [REDACTED] pointed out that nothing has ever come to his attention reflecting adversely on the employee from the standpoint of character, loyalty or associates adding that he believes VON NEUMANN a loyal American.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the employee since about 1949. He pointed out that he has had very little social contact with the employee, therefore knows little concerning VON NEUMANN's ideological beliefs. [REDACTED] however, that he considers VON NEUMANN a loyal American, and a person of unimpeachable character and associates in that he has never had information to the contrary come to his attention.

[REDACTED] stated that in connection with the employee's consultant services with the Laboratory, he has had occasion during [REDACTED] years to work with DR. VON NEUMANN. [REDACTED] that his contacts with the employee have been strictly limited to professional ones adding that nothing reflecting adversely on the employee's character, loyalty, or associates has come to his attention. He pointed out that DR. VON NEUMANN has a reputation in the highest order in his various scientific fields.

[REDACTED] advised that although his division has a consultant subcontract with VON NEUMANN, the contract responsibilities have been fulfilled or performed entirely in the employee's office at Princeton, New Jersey and not at the K-25 Plant. [REDACTED] stated that it has been several years since he has seen the employee in Oak Ridge, adding that he does not know VON NEUMANN personally therefore can furnish no information about him from the standpoint of character, loyalty or associates.

The following investigation was conducted by SE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has no arrest records in his files identifiable with either JOHN VON NEUMANN or his wife, KLARA DAI VON NEUMANN.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

[REDACTED] stated that his records contain nothing concerning the employee or his wife.

[REDACTED] advised that the employee and his wife are not known to that Bureau.

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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY aka, John R. Von Neumann			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA E

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated July 20, 1953.
 Report of SA dated 4/7/47 at El Paso

DETAILS:

b7C The title of this case has been modified to include the name of JOHN R. VON NEUMANN as reflected by personnel records at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Credit records at Santa Fe, New Mexico, were checked by SA

EMPLOYMENT

At Los Alamos, New Mexico

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[REDACTED]

Instant records do not contain any information unfavorable to him in any respect.

An application form executed by VON NEUMANN

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[REDACTED] advised that he first met VON NEUMANN and his wife about [REDACTED] and that he has worked rather closely with VON NEUMANN in his position as consultant since that time. He further advised that inasmuch as VON NEUMANN is administratively assigned as a consultant to the Theoretical Physics Division he has worked very closely with him whenever his services have been utilized by the Laboratory. He explained that Dr. VON NEUMANN usually spends a total of three or four weeks a year at Los Alamos, but has in the past performed considerable other work at his normal location of Princeton University and under various contracts with the University of California. [REDACTED] further advised that he has been a fairly close social acquaintance of the employee and his wife during a like period of time, and that they visit in each other's homes whenever convenient. He did not indicate, however, that he considered the VON NEUMANNs to be particularly intimate friends of he or his wife.

[REDACTED] stated that in his opinion Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are individuals of unimpeachable character, and are entirely loyal to the United States and the democratic form of government. He has never known either of them to entertain any sympathy for any foreign government or type of government. So far as he knows, the VON NEUMANNs do not have any close relative or particular contact still residing in continental Europe. He added that the employee and his wife have at various times appeared to be quite "disturbed" about the threat of communism or communist domination in both Europe and the United States. He stated that they have always appeared to be completely opposed to any such political philosophy.

[REDACTED] advised that the only organization that he has known VON NEUMANN to be affiliated with is the American mathematical society which he has served as president. He stated that other than himself, the VON NEUMANNs have particularly associated with [REDACTED] at Los Alamos, and that to the best of his knowledge their social acquaintances at Princeton University have been limited to their professional colleagues.

[REDACTED] informed that he is cognizant of the fact that ISRAEL HALPERIN, a reputed Soviet espionage agent, was at one time a student of JOHN VON NEUMANN, but stated that VON NEUMANN has never indicated to him that he had any particularly close contact with HALPERIN, or that such association exceeded a normal professor-student relationship. He concluded

that he considers VON NEUMANN to be thoroughly trustworthy in regard to confidential information, and that he would give him his highest recommendation for any position of trust.

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[REDACTED] recalls that he first met Dr. VON NEUMANN during the time that he was attending a scientific conference in England sometime in [REDACTED] but that his contact with him there was very limited, and he has become much better acquainted with him through a working relationship at Los Alamos and Princeton University between 1944 and the present. He has had only a limited amount of social contact with him and is not acquainted with any of his relatives except his wife. He stated that Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are people of unimpeachable character, and that he has never had any reason to question their loyalty to the United States or the democratic form of government in any respect. He advised that they are both very intelligent individuals but that he has never known them to express more than a normal interest in political ideology or political questions. He has only known VON NEUMANN to be affiliated with professional organizations, and furthermore has only known him to associate with apparently responsible and loyal individuals.

[REDACTED] definitely pointed out that VON NEUMANN is the actual originator of much classified data and confidential information relative to experimental weapons, but stated that to the best of his knowledge and belief VON NEUMANN has always been very careful in the handling and protection of such classified information. In this connection, he pointed out that VON NEUMANN and [REDACTED] involved in an incident at Los Alamos, New Mexico, in August, 1953 which might be considered a procedural security violation, but stated that he does not consider that VON NEUMANN was actually responsible for this matter in any way. In describing the incident, he stated that [REDACTED] Division of Research, AEC, Washington, D. C., and [REDACTED] Laboratory, arrived at Los Alamos on a Sunday in the forepart of August, 1953, upon very short prior notice. These individuals desired to obtain the opinions of Dr. VON NEUMANN and [REDACTED] relative to a matter in which [REDACTED] was vitally concerned at that time. They explained however, that [REDACTED] could only spend a matter of a few hours at Los Alamos and that it had not been possible to furnish the AEC Security Officials at Los Alamos sufficient data for them to furnish the appropriate clearances and passes for admission to the restricted or working areas at Los Alamos. [REDACTED] advised that there was no question in the mind of either Dr. VON NEUMANN or [REDACTED] but that [REDACTED] were actually cleared for any information in connection with the AEC program, but that VON NEUMANN did voice an objection to discussing any such information on the Sunday at The Lodge, a public hotel at Los Alamos, and outside of the guarded or restricted areas where all confidential or classified work is normally performed. [REDACTED] advised, however, that [REDACTED] and VON NEUMANN eventually acquiesced and did enter into a discussion of such a matter in a room at The Lodge because of the desires of [REDACTED] and his insistence that [REDACTED] could not remain at Los Alamos until the following Monday. [REDACTED] stated, however, that this discussion was commenced over the

object of Dr. VON NEUMANN, who appeared fully cognizant of the fact that such a discussion should not have been commenced outside of an appropriately guarded or restricted area. [REDACTED] or VON NEUMANN discussed their work or anything that was being done at Los Alamos, and that actually, in his opinion, the data which were discussed was not of a highly classified nature. He added that he is quite certain that VON NEUMANN has never made a practice of discussing any possibly classified information in hotel rooms or public places, and that he is normally very discreet and careful in his conversations. He concluded that in his opinion VON NEUMANN can be completely trusted with confidential data.

[REDACTED] advised that he has known and worked with VON NEUMANN to a considerable extent between [REDACTED] and the present. He has also had considerable social contact with VON NEUMANN and his wife, and advised specifically that he met YVONNE NEUMANN in Athens, Greece, in the Fall [REDACTED] and attended a Scientific Congress with them at Constantinople a few days later. At the conclusion of the Congress he returned to Athens with them, but YVONNE NEUMANN then went on to Rome and he did not have any further contact with them during that trip. He stated that neither during this trip, nor at any other time, has he ever known either Dr. or Mrs. VON NEUMANN to indicate that they presently have any close relative or particular contact at any place in continental Europe. He is cognizant of the fact that Mrs. VON NEUMANN has a sister residing in England, but is not acquainted with her in any way.

[REDACTED] stated that both VON NEUMANN and his wife are individuals of unimpeachable character, and that they are absolutely loyal to the United States and the democratic form of government. He added that he is sure that both Dr. and Mrs. VON NEUMANN are "definitely anti-communist" in their political philosophy or ideology. He has known VON NEUMANN to be an active member of the American Mathematical Society, and the American Physical Society, but has never known him to be affiliated with any other organization. He advised that the close associates of Dr. VAN NEUMANN appeared to be limited almost entirely to individuals with whom they have professional connections and that at Los Alamos he has known them to particularly associate with [REDACTED]. At Princeton University he has known the VON NEUMANNs to be very friendly with [REDACTED] both members of the faculty there. He indicated that he considers all of these individuals to be loyal and reputable citizens.

[REDACTED] concluded that he has only known VON NEUMANN to be very careful and conscientious in the protection of any possibly classified information, and that he considers him to be entirely trustworthy with such information.

[redacted] advised that he has worked with or for VON NEUMANN during occasional short periods between [redacted] and the present, but that he has had only very casual outside or social contact with him. He stated that Dr. VON NEUMANN is a very capable and responsible individual of good character, and that he has never had any reason to question the loyalty of either he or his wife to the United States or the democratic form of government. He further advised that to the best of his knowledge neither Mr. or Mrs. VON NEUMANN have any current contacts or relatives outside of the United States, and that they only associate with the most reputable individuals. He concluded that to the best of his knowledge Dr. VON NEUMANN can be entirely trusted with confidential information.

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b7D [redacted] advised that they have known Dr. VAN NEUMANN and his wife since about [redacted]. They have worked with the VON NEUMANNs at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Princeton University, and Los Alamos, New Mexico, on several occasions since that time. They have also been quite close social friends and have frequently visited in each other's home. They do not believe that either Dr. VON NEUMANN or his wife has any close relative presently residing outside of the United States except one sister and at least one nephew of Mrs. VON NEUMANN who presently reside in England. They advised that Mrs. VON NEUMANN has indicated that she and her husband are acquainted with a few individuals that they believe to be still residing in Hungary, but that she has never indicated that they have had any recent contact with such individuals.

[redacted] VON NEUMANN and his wife are entirely loyal to the United States and the democratic form of government, and that they are more pronounced in their statements indicating such loyalty than the average citizen. They further advised that to the best of their knowledge all of the relatives of employee and his wife residing in the United States are very respectable people and are loyal to the United States. They have known VON NEUMANN as a former president of the American Mathematical Society and to be affiliated with the American Physical Society, but they have never known either VON NEUMANN or his wife to be affiliated with any other organization. [redacted] stated that to the best of their knowledge all associates of VON NEUMANN and his wife have been entirely responsible and loyal individuals. At Los Alamos they have known the VON NEUMANNs to most frequently associate with [redacted].

b7c [redacted] They concluded that VON NEUMANN has always appeared to be very security conscious in regard to confidential information, and they consider him to be entirely trustworthy.

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b7D [redacted] advised that she has had some contact with Dr. VON NEUMANN during his visits and work at Los Alamos, but that such contact has been limited entirely to business and such matters as his accommodations and reservations. She stated that to the best of her knowledge he is a respectable individual and a loyal citizen. She further advised that during the visits of VON NEUMANN and his

wife to Los Alamos, they have only resided at the Lodge and never been furnished any type of private residential accommodations.

NEIGHBORS AND ACQUAINTANCES

At Los Alamos, New Mexico

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b7D [REDACTED] advised that records of that office do not reflect that the employee has ever been furnished any type of private residential quarters at Los Alamos. She advised that to the best of her knowledge, VON NEUMANN and his wife have always resided at The Lodge during their occasional visits to Los Alamos.

[REDACTED] each advised that he has known VON NEUMANN and his wife as occasional residents at The Lodge during short periods of time over the last five or six years. Each stated that they have always conducted themselves in a very respectable manner and appear to be entirely responsible individuals. Each stated that he has never had any reason to question the loyalty of VON NEUMANN or his wife in any respect, and that they only appear to associate with the very "top" scientists at Los Alamos.

[REDACTED] advised that he first met Dr. VON NEUMANN during a trip he made [REDACTED] and that he has had considerable contact with him in the United States since about [REDACTED]. He explained, however, that within that period they have usually been affiliated with different Universities and his contact with VON NEUMANN has been only intermittent and somewhat limited to social visits whenever possible. He indicated, however, that he and his wife consider themselves to be rather intimate friends of Dr. and Mrs. VON NEUMANN.

[REDACTED] stated that Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are individuals of unimpeachable character and habits and that Dr. VON NEUMANN is a world renowned and respected mathematician. He stated that since he and his wife became naturalized citizens of this country, there has never been any question about their complete loyalty to the United States and the democratic form of government. He further advised that to his knowledge, Mrs. VON NEUMANN has one sister presently residing in England, but they do not have any other relatives or particularly close contacts outside of the United States. [REDACTED] has known Dr. VON NEUMANN as a very active member of the American Mathematical Society and the American Physical Society but has never known either he or his wife to be affiliated with any other organization. He also stated that in his opinion, both Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are "extremely conservative" in their political ideology and philosophy and they have never been affiliated with any possibly questionable organization.

In regard to the associates of Dr. and Mrs. VON NEUMANN, [REDACTED]

b7C [stated that they have only associated with very reputable, loyal citizens who are eminent figures in various scientific fields. He advised that he has frequently observed a professor of economics named [REDACTED] to visit in employee's home at Princeton University, and indicated that to the best of his knowledge, [REDACTED] is an entirely respectable and loyal individual. He concluded that he definitely believes that Dr. VON NEUMANN can be entirely trusted with any confidential information or restricted data and pointed out that he actually originates a great deal of such data in the field of atomic energy.

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At Santa Fe, New Mexico

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The records of [REDACTED] were checked with negative results in that they do not reflect any criminal data relative to employee or his wife.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: April 13, 1955

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: DR. JOHN VON NEUMANN
COMMISSIONER, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 11, 1955, advising that Liaison Agent [redacted] had contacted Dr. Von Neumann on April 8, 1955, and explained to him the Bureau's responsibilities and jurisdiction under the Atomic Energy Act. At that time, Dr. Von Neumann indicated that he would like to make a tour of the Bureau's facilities.

On April 11, 1955, Dr. Von Neumann advised [redacted] that he would like to come over to the Bureau on April 12, 1955, to see the Bureau's facilities. Dr. Von Neumann came to the Bureau at 11:20 A.M., on April 12, 1955, and was taken on a tour by Tour Leader [redacted] and Liaison Agent [redacted]. In view of a prior commitment at 12:45 P.M., Dr. Von Neumann was unable to spend as much time as he would have liked. He saw some of the Laboratory facilities and asked a number of questions about the Bureau's operations.

When leaving, Dr. Von Neumann expressed his appreciation for the time given him and stated he desired to come over again when he had more time as he would like to complete the tour of the Bureau's facilities.

ACTION:

None. This is submitted for your information.

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Dr. John von Neumann Is Approved for AEC



Associated Press
DR. JOHN VON NEUMANN
... testifying yesterday

By Warren Unna
Staff Reporter

The Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy yesterday unanimously approved the nomination to the Atomic Energy Commission of Dr. John von Neumann, Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies mathematician.

At the same time, the Committee indicated its concern over von Neumann's associations and Hungarian origin may have helped delay yesterday's hearing until 4½ months after his nomination by President Eisenhower, last October 24.

Under questioning by Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), von Neumann said he counted among his academic friends Canadian Professor I. L. Halperin of Queens University, Hamilton, Ontario, and Professor W. J. Alexander, of Princeton.

He said he had joined other academicians in sending a telegram to Canada's Prime Minister protesting Halperin's innocence when Halperin was indicted in the 1946 Canadian atomic spy trials.

He said Halperin subsequently had been "acquitted" by the Royal Canadian Commission, promoted to a full professorship and elected to the Royal Society of Canada, so he felt his opinion had been "corroborated" in official channels.

"My opinions have been violently opposed to Marxism ever since I can remember. However, in that particular case I felt an obligation to a man whose opinions differ from mine, and in a large case, just because they differ from mine," von Neumann told the Committee.

Subsequently, von Neumann added, Halperin told him he was a "Marxist."

As for Professor Alexander, von Neumann declared: "He's a friend of mine, but I certainly don't agree with his political views." Alexander was not further identified.

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Von Neumann also said a Communist "absolutely" should not have access to secret atomic information.

The mathematician told Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R. I.) he was "absolutely confident" his Hungarian origin would have no effect on his AEC decisions. He said he fled Hungary in anticipation of its joining the Axis in World War II, became a United States citizen in 1937 and neither he nor his wife had any relatives closer than cousins left in Europe.

Von Neumann made no apologies for his support last year of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer during the lengthy AEC hearing which labeled the famed nuclear physicist a security risk and ineligible to continue as a Government consultant.

He said he did not believe Oppenheimer a "security risk," but that the decision had been made by "honest, intelligent men" and "it would not be in the public interest" to reopen the case.

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(VON NEUMANN)
DR. JOHN VON NEUMANN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE TODAY WAS GIVEN THE FIRST ENRICO FERMI AWARD -- A MEDAL, CITATION AND \$50,000 IN CASH.
IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE FAMED MATHEMATICIAN, A NATIVE OF BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, FOR HIS "OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS" TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMPUTING MACHINES USED IN ATOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.
"MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE," THE CITATION SAID, VON NEUMANN "FORESAW THE IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY ROLE THEY WOULD PLAY AND THE CONTROL AND USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND TO THE GENERAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND."
THE AWARD, AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS IN 1954, WAS RECOMMENDED FOR VON NEUMANN BY THE AEC'S GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH THE APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.
IT IS IN MEMORY OF FERMI, THE ITALIAN-BORN NUCLEAR SCIENTIST WHOSE PIONEER WORK LED THE WAY TO CONTROLLED RELEASE OF ATOMIC ENERGY.
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Von Neumann is deceased per info checked by phone at AEC today by [redacted] 12/3/59.

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